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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: A. GABORONE 0225, B. GENEVA 0407, C. GABORNE 0212

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH RESPONSIBLE UNHCR OFFICERS
FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REF A, MISSION WAS ADVISED THAT UNHCR
HEADQUARTERS PLANS TO SPEAK WITH ITS REP IN GABORNE ON
THIS SUBJECT THIS AFTERNOON (JANUARY 25). WHEN UNHCR
SUBMITTED PROPOSED BREAKDOWN REPORTED REF B TO MISSION,
IT EXPLAINED IT WAS UTILIZING U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO FILL
GAPS IN FINANCIAL PROGRAM IT HAD ALREADY MAPPED OUT TO CARE
FOR REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEREFORE, NEEDS OUTLINED
BY EMBASSY GABORNE IN PARA 2, REF C, MAY ALREADY HAVE
BEEN PROVIDED FOR FROM OTHER SOURCES. IN ANY CASE,
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UNHCR HEADQUARTERS IS ANXIOUS TO CLARIFY THIS MATTER
IN FOREMENTIONED TELECON LATER TODAY.

2. UNHCR REPS EXPRESSED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT UNDER-
STANDING CONCERNING GOB'S ATTITUDE TOWARD STUDENTS
FROM SOWETO THAN THAT SET FORTH IN OUTLINING
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL CAMP PROGRAM IN REF C. BRIEFLY,

UNHCR UNDERSTANDS THAT GOB'S DESIRE IS TO MOVE THESE STUDENTS ALONG TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND NOT SET UP FACILITIES LOOKING TOWARD THEIR LONGER-TERM RESIDENCE IN BOTSWANA. FOR THIS REASON, THE \$200,000 UNHCR APPORTIONMENT MENTIONED IN PARA 1(D), REF B, FOR STUDENTS FROM SOWETO WAS DELIBERATELY DIRECTED TOWARD FOUR COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BOTSWANA, TO PERMIT UNHCR TO CARE FOR THEIR NEEDS WITH THESE FUNDS SHOULD THESE STUDENTS MOVE ONWARD.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER REVIEW BY THE FARAH MISSION, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE AREA JAN. 27, AND SPECIFICALLY BY THE UNHCR TEAM MEMBER WHO IS DUE TO JOIN THE MISSION ON FEB. 4 OR 5 FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS.

4. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WE AWAIT OUTCOME OF TODAY'S CONVERSATION, AND FINDINGS OF FARAH MISSION TO DETERMINE WHAT OTHER PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MEET BOTSWANA NEEDS EXPRESSED IN REF A AND C. ADDRESSEES CAN BE ASSURED THAT UNHCR HAS BEEN ALERTED TO AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THESE REQUIREMENTS, WHICH IT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO MEET, AS ITS RESOURCES AND OTHER COMMITMENTS PERMIT.CATTO

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